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PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: February 09, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:11 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:57 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Vernon Brown
Greg Bowes

Absent Members

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 14, 2005 - amends the Code with respect to Conditional Release Funds to provide Funding for Crime Stoppers in Marion County and establishes a nonreverting Crime Stoppers Dedicated Fund
“Tabled”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 49, 2005 - approves an increase of \$401,210 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing State and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to purchase equipment for the training of first responders and to continue to develop the Metropolitan Medical response System (MMRS), financed by grants from both the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies
“Postponed until 03/09/05”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 50, 2005 - approves an increase of \$56,180 in the 2005 budget of the Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to upgrade the digital imaging capabilities of the forensic illustration section, funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program
“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 51, 2005 - approves an increase of \$518,372 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to purchase new portable radio equipment, in support of the communications system upgrade, financed by a grant

from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 52, 2005 - approves an increase of \$275,372 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Federal Grants Funds) to provide a regional training seminar on Indy's Approach to Domestic Violence, purchase supplies and equipment for community policing initiatives, and to continue the Internet Crimes

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 6-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent was Scott Schneider.

PROPOSAL NO. 14, 2005 - amends the Code with respect to Conditional Release Funds to provide Funding for Crime Stoppers in Marion County and establishes a nonreverting Crime Stoppers Dedicated Fund

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams stated that the Conditional Release Funds will not generate enough funding for the Crime Stoppers Dedicated Fund and there is a search for additional funding.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Table” Proposal No. 14, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Postpone” Proposal No. 49, 2005 to the Public Safety Committee meeting on March 9, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 50, 2005 - approves an increase of \$56,180 in the 2005 budget of the Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to upgrade the digital imaging capabilities of the forensic illustration section, funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program.

Larry Schultz, Quality Assurance Manager for the Forensic Services Agency, stated that the Forensic Services Agency was awarded a grant that will allow the department to purchase a Digital Enhancement System. This system is used for autopsies, and processing the crime scene of a bank or convenience store robbery. Mr. Schultz stated that the request for work has dropped off because the agency does not have the capability of doing the work. The Digital Enhancement System will process the video images that are given by the convenience store and better enhance the audio capabilities in the different monitoring devices. Mr. Schultz said that the \$56,180 would provide the equipment, the installment of the equipment, the training for the equipment, and 10 digital cameras that will be used with this system. He stated that all the police departments within Marion County jurisdiction would have access to this system.

Councillor Oliver asked if information regarding this system was recently in the newspapers. Mr. Schultz stated that he is not familiar with any articles in the newspaper. Pete Mungovan, Lieutenant of Indianapolis Police Department and Interim Director of the Forensic Services Agency, (IPD) stated that this system is the Cadillac of the imaging systems that are available.

[Clerks note: Councillor McWhirter arrived at 5:15 p.m.]

Councillor Bowes asked if this is more of a conversion of processing the information, rather than recording the initial incident. Mr. Schulz said that this system would process the information. but the different monitoring devices would record the particular incidents.

Councillor Brown asked what the price is for the processing system and the cameras. Mr. Schultz stated that the Digital Enhancement System is \$26,595, the 10 cameras are priced at \$2,000 each, and the cost for the training and setup is \$9,585.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 50, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Joe Krebsbach, Division Chief of Indianapolis Fire Department, stated that he is responsible for the fire communication part of the department, and this proposal is to support the purchase of portable radios. The funding is from a Fire Act Grant that is part the DHS-FEMA to help support local fire departments. Chief Krebsbach said that a number of the portable radios are at least 14 years old. He said that this funding would allow the purchase of 180 new portable radios. Although this purchase would not replace all of the old radios, it will help out a lot. Amy McFadden, Deputy Controller, stated that the City of Indianapolis is able to provide the matching funds for this proposal.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if this grant money is strictly for the portable radios. Chief Krebsbach answered in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter asked if these are the same radios that are used out in the townships, and if so, will these radios have county-wide communication. Chief Krebsbach answered in the affirmative. Councillor McWhirter asked if the Metropolitan Emergency Communication Agency (MECA) upgrade would be compatible with the new portable radios. Ms. McFadden answered in the affirmative. Councillor McWhirter asked what model are these portable radios.

Chief Krebsbach said that they are the Motorola XTS5000 version, and these are available through the state of Indiana's Quantity Purchase Awards.

Councillor Bowes asked if the new portable radios will be able to communicate with the older models. Chief Krebsbach answered in the affirmative. Councillor Bowes asked what percentage of the radios will be replaced. Chief Krebsbach said this grant would replace 80% of the radios. Bart Brown, Chief Financial Officer for the City-County Council, asked what percentage is the cash match is for this proposal and from where that funding comes. Ms. McFadden stated that the cash match is 30% and is being funded from previous bond proceeds through MECA. The MECA board has approved this expenditure. Mr. Brown suggested that the Public Safety Committee invite MECA to give an update on the status of Project 25, which is the MECA upgrade project.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 51, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Liz Allison, IPD Grants Manager, stated that this proposal is a re-appropriation of \$275,372 to fund the Julian Center, Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to "Amend" the digest in Proposal No. 52, 2005 to read Internet Crimes against Children Task Force. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Allison explained the key points of Exhibit A: [Clerks note: Exhibit A is on file with the original set of minutes.]

- The Julian Center is a sub-grantee and has \$11,129 in program income. Under the rules of the grant, this funding must be allocated back to the Julian Center for their program.
- The Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, has \$12,559, and this funding is allocated to purchase supplies, software licensing, surveillance equipment, and cell phones.
- This is the final year for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Number Nine. Three thousand dollars will be dedicated to the use of crime prevention; \$2,000 to freight; \$3,000 to pay for cell phones for the chaplains' program; \$4,000 for lodging to be used by the police department; and the sub-grantees will receive \$142,523. The sub-grantee portion of the funding will be split between the Courts, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, and the

Indianapolis Public Schools. There is also \$13,161 that will be used for intelligence equipment and \$84,000 that would be allocated to vehicles.

- The Department of Justice allocated a certain percentage of the block grant to Indianapolis, and a task force made up of the required advisory council was created.

Councillor Bowes asked about the funding for the cell phones. Ms. Allison stated that the funding would pay for the cell phone monthly bills.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 52, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

John Brandon, President of Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY), stated that MCCOY was established as an independent not for profit organization in 1993 and took on the work of serving the community as the intermediary organization for youth services. Their mission is to be the catalyst for the positive development of youth. Mr. Brandon stated that MCCOY focuses on the most critical issues facing young people in the community today. They are:

- 1) How well are young people prepared for the world of work?
- 2) What pathways are being created to help the youth to become involved meaningfully in the community?
- 3) Youth and Violence.

Starla Hart, Director of Research and Community Relations for McCoy, explained the Youth and Violence Forum Result portion of the presentation. Key points are:

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- 33% of young people have been in some sort of physical fight, and 17% of that group indicated that they have carried some sort of weapon as a way to protect themselves.
- Statistics show that homicides are the second leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24.
- In 2004 over 9000 youth were victims of some type of physical violence which required medical treatment.

Ms. Hart stated that some of the team goals are to investigate the root causes and risk factors of the youth violence and to work to enhance and increase prevention efforts in community. She said McCoy serves as a resource for families and communities of faith regarding violence prevention. Mr. Brandon stated that McCoy is trying to create awareness in the community that will attract more people to get involved with the program, because young people are successful if they have positive, productive adults in their lives.

[Clerk note: This full presentation is on file with the original set of minutes in the Council's office]

Councillor Brown asked what the main target age is for the youth. Ms. Hart stated that the target age range is from age 13 to age 20.

Councillor McWhirter asked if McCoy had any seminars that teach the youth personal responsibility, because a lot of students do not understand that they are responsible for certain things. Mr. Brandon stated that personal responsibility ties into the Youth and Basic Skills program.

Councillor Oliver stated that these programs are needed in today's society in order to prepare the youth for the real world. Mr. Brandon stated that McCoy would like to invite the members of the Public Safety Committee to attend any of the seminars that are coming up in the near future.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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